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# THE HASSAM FAMILY.

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HASSAM is a corruption of the English surname HORSHAM. In the unsettled orthography of our early records, it appears not only in its proper form Horsham, but quite as frequently Horsom, Horsome, Horsum, Horssum, Horskam, Hossom, Hossam, Hossam, Hassom, Hassam, Hassum, Hoshom, Hashom, Harsham, Harshom, Harshum, Hassham, and Hasham, and sometimes Harsome, Harsom and Harsum.\* In regard to pronunciation, Hassam now conforms to the present mode of spelling, although some aged people still adhere to the old pronunciation Horsham.

Among the lists of the names and ages of the emigrants who left the port of London during the year ending Christmas, 1635, is one headed as follows :†

"16 Aprilis 1635. Their p'ties hereafter expressed are to be transported to the Island of Providence imbarqued in y<sup>e</sup> Expectacion Cornelius Billinge M<sup>r</sup>, having taken the oaths of Allegiance and Supremacie; As likewise being conformable to the Church of England; whereof they brought testimonie from the Ministers and Justices of Peace, of their Abodes." Among the names in this list are

EDWARD HORSHAM 14

ELIZAB: HORSHAM 16

DORCAS HORSHAM 40.

The island of New-Providence, one of the Bahamas, was taken by the Spaniards in 1641 and the settlers were driven off. Most of them sought refuge in the other English colonies, and some undoubtedly came to New-England.

At a special Court sitting in Boston 27 April 1660,‡ JOHN HORSAM, master of the ship "Sampson," then in the harbor of Boston, recovered judgment against the owners for his own wages and the wages of the ship's company.

In the list§ of "The names of such Ship<sup>s</sup> & masters that have Come in & Gon out of our Harbor & Given bond for His ma<sup>ty</sup>'s Customes" is the following: "16 10<sup>mo</sup> 61 The Ship Salamander of boston burden 70 tonn bound for London Jno HORSAM Tho Ginis."

\* It is probable that Harsam, or Hersom, a surname not uncommon in some parts of New-England, is of the same origin. Christopher Hersom was one of the early settlers of Wenham, and had a grant of land there 8th day of 5th month, 1643, when it was part of Salem and was called Enon. The inventory of the estate of Mary Hersome of Wenham, widow, is dated 2d 7th mo. 1646.

† Drake's *Founders of New-England*, p. 104.

‡ Suffolk Deeds, iii., 355. *New-England Historical and Genealogical Register* for July 1877 (xxxi., 331).

§ Mass. Archives, lx., 33. *N.-E. Hist. and Gen. Register* for July, 1877 (xxxi., 331).





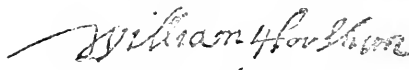
SAMUEL HORSHAM of the Island of Barbadoes, merchant, agent and factor to JOHN HORSHAM and Company, merchants, of Plymouth, England, gives a letter of attorney, April 15, 1678, to Lieut. Richard Way of Boston in New England to bring suit against Nicholas Shapleigh of Kittery, Me.\*



Barbadoes, April 15, 1678.

In 1665 JEREMIE HOSSOM was taxed at Cochecho, and the names Horsum, Horsam, Hossom and Horsom are of not infrequent occurrence in the records of Dover and the neighboring towns of New-Hampshire and Maine.†

1. WILLIAM HASSAM,<sup>1</sup>—or HORSHAM as he himself wrote the name,—to whose descendants this paper more particularly relates, settled at an early period in Manchester,



Salem, July 31, 1684.

Mass., in that part of the town called Newport. He had several grants of land there, the first being prior to April, 1684. In his petition to the Court in Salem July 31, 1684,‡ he states that he is a stranger here, with no relations or friends, although in England and elsewhere several of no mean condition. He is frequently mentioned in the town records, where his name appears in no fewer than thirteen of the different modes of spelling above given. He was constable in 1693, in 1696 one of the surveyors of highways and fence viewers, in 1705 culler of fish and one of the surveyors of highways, and in 1706 one of the persons appointed to prevent depredations on the town's common land. He m. in Marblehead, Dec. 4, 1684, Sarah, dau. of Samuel Allen,§ of Manchester, and d. in Manchester about 1735. Their children, all born in Manchester, were:—

2. i. WILLIAM, b. Feb. 1, 1685.
- ii. SAMUEL, b. Aug. 13, 1688; d. before 1706.
3. iii. JOHN, b. Dec. 7, 1692.
- iv. SARAH, b. March 28, 1695.
- v. BENJAMIN, b. Oct. 2, 1697.
4. vi. JOSEPH, b. Jan. 1, 1699–1700.

\* Middlesex Court Records, iii., 291. *N.-E. Hist. and Gen. Register*, xxxi., 331.

The will of John Horsham of Plymouth, Co. Devon, England, merchant, dated 11 Dec. 1688, was probated 6 July 1689 at Doctor's Commons, London.

John Horsham, Esq., of Barbadoes, was one of the subscribers to Schomburgk's *History of Barbadoes*, London, 1818.

† *N.-E. Hist. and Gen. Register*, xxiv., 414.

‡ Essex Court Files xli., 23–34. *N.-E. Hist. and Gen. Register*, July, 1880 (xxxiv., 267).

§ *Genealogy of the Allen Family*. Hist. Coll. Essex Inst., xiv., 226.



5. vii. JONATHAN, b. Aug. 17, 1702; d. Feb. 21, 1754.  
 viii. ELIZABETH, b. Oct. 11, 1704.  
 ix. SAMUEL, b. Oct. 22, 1706.  
 x. HANNAH, b. May 26, 1709; m. in Wenham, Nov. 9, 1736,  
 Thomas Senter, of Wenham.  
 xi. WILLIAM, b. Dec. 9, 1711-12.
  
2. WILLIAM<sup>2</sup> HASSAM (*William*<sup>1</sup>), b. Feb. 1, 1685; had a wife Sarah, and d. probably before 1711, certainly before 1727. Their children, both born in Manchester, were:—
  - i. MARY, b. April 15, 1707.
  - ii. JACOB, b. Sept. 3, 1709.
  
3. JOHN<sup>2</sup> HASSAM (*William*<sup>1</sup>), b. Dec. 7, 1692; m. Jane Bennett, by whom he had children, both born in Manchester:—
  - i. MARY, b. Sept. 17, 1714.
  - ii. JOHN, b. Sept. 26, 1717; had a son Samuel, "born of Lydia Knights," Feb. 19, 1739-40.

He m. again Nov. 6, 1729, Elizabeth Knowlton, widow of John Knowlton, and dau. of William and Margaret Hilton.\* She survived him and m. John Day, Sen., of Manchester, in Wenham, Nov. 20, 1744, and d. a widow, in Manchester, about 1792, aged about 95 years. The names of only two of the children of John<sup>2</sup> and Elizabeth appear in the Manchester Records of Births, but the dates of the baptisms of the others are found in the Church Records.

  - iii. LYDIA, b. Sept. 11, 1730.
  - iv. WILLIAM, b. Dec. 7, 1731; lost at sea, 1748.
  - v. EUNICE, bap. Aug. 12, 1733.
  - vi. JEREMIAH, bap. April 17, 1737.
  - vii. HANNAH, bap. April 30, 1738.
  - viii. SAMUEL, bap. June 17, 1739.
  - ix. ELIZABETH, bap. April 25, 1741.
  
6. x. JOSIAH, bap. March 20, 1742; lost at sea March, 1767.
  
4. JOSEPH<sup>2</sup> HASSAM (*William*<sup>1</sup>), b. Jan. 1, 1699-1700; m. Oct. 4, 1727, Abigail Stone, and had children, all born in Manchester:—
  - i. BENJAMIN, b. May 17, 1729; lost at sea 1749, on a voyage to Lisbon.
  - ii. SUSANNA, b. July 29, 1733.
  - iii. SUSANNA, b. Oct. 27, 1734.
  - iv. ELIZABETH, b. Nov. 18, 1741; intentions of marriage with George Rapall, of Marblehead, published Feb. 17, 1764.

\* *N.-E. Hist. and Gen. Register*, April, 1877 (xxxi., 179), and Jan., 1882 (xxxvi., 40).

*Notes and Queries concerning the Hassam and Hilton Families.* Boston, David Clapp & Son, 1889. Privately printed.

*The Hilton Family.* Boston, David Clapp & Son, 1896. Privately printed.



5. JONATHAN<sup>2</sup> HASSAM (*William*<sup>1</sup>), b. Aug. 17, 1702, master mariner: m. Aug. 10 1727, Mary Bennett, and d. Feb. 21, 1754. She d. 1762, æt. 55.

*Jonathan Hassam*

Salem, Jan. 26, 1747-8.

Their children, all

born in Manchester, were:

- i. SARAH, b. Dec. 25, 1727; m. April 19, 1749, Ezekiel Allen.\*
- ii. JONATHAN, b. March 5, 1729-30. His intentions of marriage with Elizabeth Knowlton published Dec. 2, 1752; never m., lost at sea Nov. or Dec., 1752.
- iii. MARY, b. Aug. 13, 1733; m. Bowles.
- iv. ANNA, b. Aug. 12, 1735; d. Sept. 23, 1735.
- v. JACOB, b. Feb. 5, 1736-7.
- vi. LYDIA, b. May 11, 1739; m. Crispin Joynt,† Jan. 8, 1761, and d. about 1769.
- vii. SAMUEL, b. June 24, 1741; d. March 11, 1749-50.
- viii. JAMES, bap. June 26, 1743.
- ix. JOHN, b. March 27, 1744-5; drowned at Louisbourg, 1759.
7. x. JOSEPH, b. Jan. 25, 1747-8; d. Sept. 22, 1831.
8. xi. WILLIAM, b. Aug. 11, 1752; d. April 9, 1833.

6. JOSIAH<sup>3</sup> HASSAM (*John*<sup>2</sup>, *William*<sup>1</sup>), m. Sarah Cross, Jan. 2, 1764, and was lost at sea March, 1767. His widow m. Jan. 2, 1772, Benjamin Haskell. Children of Josiah<sup>3</sup> and Sarah, b. in Manchester, were:

- i. SARAH, b. June 7, 1765; m. Benjamin Jones, Sept. 10, 1795, and d. widow, Jan. 7, 1846.
9. ii. JOSIAH, b. Nov. 26, 1766; drowned about 1829.

7. JOSEPH<sup>3</sup> HASSAM (*Jonathan*<sup>2</sup>, *William*<sup>1</sup>), b. Jan. 25, 1747-8; m. March 13, 1770, Elizabeth Tewksbury, and d. Sept. 22, 1831. She d. Oct. 27, 1839, æt. 89. Their children, all born in Manchester, were:—

- i. ELIZABETH, b. May 9, 1771; m. Capt. Wm. Tuck, Nov. 13, 1831, and d. Aug. 4, 1844.
- ii. MOLLY, b. Nov. 7, 1774; m. (1) David Allen,‡ April 15, 1817; m. (2) Israel Dodge, and d. widow, Sept. 15, 1846.
- iii. LYDIA, b. Feb. 19, 1780; m. John Glover, Sept. 16, 1802.
- iv. SARAH, b. March 1, 1788; d. April 4, 1803.

\* *Genealogy of the Allen Family*. Hist. Coll. Essex Inst., xxiv., 231.

† Crispin Joynt was not a native of Manchester, but was brought home, when a boy, from some foreign port, by Capt. Jonathan Hassam, whose daughter Lydia he afterwards married.

‡ *Genealogy of the Allen Family*. Hist. Coll. Essex Inst., xxv., 45.



8. WILLIAM<sup>3</sup> HASSAM (*Jonathan*,<sup>2</sup> *William*<sup>1</sup>), b. Aug. 11, 1752; master mariner. His intentions of marriage with Elizabeth, dau. of Ambrose Allen,\* were published July 22, 1775, but he was seized by a press-gang shortly after and served nearly five years on board a British frigate during the greater part of the revolutionary war. He then succeeded, with a number of others, in making his escape, and was published the second time April 29, 1780, and m. May 15, 1780. He d. April 9, 1833.† His wife d. Feb. 10, 1833. Their children, all born in Manchester, were:—
- i. WILLIAM, b. May 4, 1781; lost at sea about 1803.
  - 10. ii. JONATHAN, b. May 23, 1784; d. Jan. 11, 1859.
  - iii. BETSEY, b. Oct. 11, 1786; m. Benjamin Leach, Nov. 4, 1810, and d. widow, Oct. 4, 1859.
  - iv. NANCY, b. Nov. 10, 1788; m. (1) Jacob Cheever,‡ Nov. 26, 1812; m. (2) Samuel Cheever, Oct. 10, 1819; and d. April 5, 1871.
9. JOSIAH<sup>4</sup> HASSAM (*Josiah*,<sup>3</sup> *John*,<sup>2</sup> *William*<sup>1</sup>), b. Nov. 26, 1766; m. Sally May, Dec. 3, 1789, and was drowned at Boston, about 1829. She d. Oct. 12, 1853. Their children, all born in Manchester, were:—
- i. SALLY, b. Aug. 18, 1791; m. Jacob H. Dow, Jan. 18, 1819, and d. May 4, 1881.
  - ii. BETSEY, b. Aug. 13, 1794; d. Jan. 31, 1879.
  - iii. JOSIAH, b. Aug. 19, 1797; d. unm. Sept. 1824, at City Point, Va.
  - iv. ARNELIA, b. May 11, 1800; fell, when about ten years of age, from the gallery of the meeting-house, then building, into the cellar, and received injuries which rendered her insane until her death, Sept. 24, 1865.
10. JONATHAN<sup>4</sup> HASSAM (*William*,<sup>3</sup> *Jonathan*,<sup>2</sup> *William*<sup>1</sup>), b. May 23, 1784; master mariner; was master of a vessel before he had arrived at the age of twenty-one, and was very successful in running to and from the French and Mediterranean ports through the English blockading squadrons.

*Jonathan Hassam*

Naples, Aug. 20, 1809.

He was in Naples in the summer of 1809, in command of the *Joanna*, of Salem, but was captured Aug. 23, of that year, while running the blockade of the former port, by the Eng-

\* *Genealogy of the Allen Family*. Hist. Coll. Essex Inst., xxiv., 237.

† See the obituary notice in the *Columbian Centinel*, April 19, 1833.

‡ *N. E. Hist. and Gen. Register*, April, 1879 (xxxiii., 164); July, 1882 (xxxvi., 305); April, 1884 (xxxviii., 170); and Jan., 1887 (xli., 65).

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lish man-of-war *Espoir*, Robert Mitford commander, and carried into Malta, where a prize court declared the capture illegal and ordered the restoration of the vessel and cargo. On a subsequent voyage he was taken in the Bay of Biscay, by an English ship-of-the-line, to which he and his crew were transferred, while a prize crew was put on board of the American vessel, which was ordered into Portsmouth. The next night a terrible gale arose. The man-of-war was badly crippled, and was with the utmost difficulty kept afloat, but in the height of the storm Capt. Hassam refused to order his crew to work the pumps. The prize was never heard of afterwards, and must have gone down with all on board. He was captured still another time in the Mediterranean. He m. Oct. 22, 1803, Sally, dau. of John Cheever.\* She d. Aug. 19, 1818, and he m. (2) 1849, Mary, widow of Thomas Smith, and d. Jan. 14, 1859. She d. Feb. 24, 1867. He had eight children, all by his first wife and all born in Manchester:—

11. i. JOHN, b. Sept. 4, 1809; d. Aug. 3, 1835.
- ii. SALLY, b. May 25, 1811; m. Jeremiah Danforth, May 24, 1832, and d. April 28, 1835.
- iii. WILLIAM, b. July 26, 1813; d. Oct. 29, 1832.
- iv. JONATHAN, b. Sept. 3, 1817; was a trader in N. Y. City, and d. June 15, 1845, at Mobile, Ala., on his return from a voyage to Europe, undertaken for impaired health.
- v. ELIZABETH, b. Jan. 17, 1819; d. Sept. 2, 1821.
- vi. SAMUEL, b. April 17, 1820; d. Jan. 17, 1847.
- vii. HENRY, b. July 11, 1822; d. Portland, Oregon, June 2, 1891.
- viii. ELIZABETH, b. Sept. 8, 1827.

11. JOHN<sup>5</sup> HASSAM (*Jonathan*,<sup>4</sup> *William*,<sup>3</sup> *Jonathan*,<sup>2</sup> *William*<sup>1</sup>), b. Sept. 4, 1809; m. in Manchester, May 15, 1836, Abby, dau. of Capt. Amos Hilton,† of Manchester. He went to Boston when a lad of fourteen and learned the trade of a book-binder, but soon after attaining his majority began to turn his attention to real estate, and, after a brief residence in New York, finally established himself in Boston as a real estate broker. In this field his prudence, forethought and

*John Hassam*  
1876.

\* *N.-E. Hist. and Gen. Register*, April, 1879 (xxxiii., 164); July, 1882 (xxxvi., 366); April, 1884 (xxxviii., 170); and Jan., 1887 (xli., 65).

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business sagacity soon brought him well deserved success. During the later years of his life he had practically retired from active work and devoted himself principally to the care of trust property and the management of estates. He was greatly respected for his integrity and unswerving honesty. He d. in Boston, Aug. 3, 1885.\* Children of John and Abby, all born in Boston, are:—

12. i. JOHN TYLER, b. Sept. 20, 1841.
  - ii. ABBY HILTON, b. Oct. 21, 1843.
  - iii. FREDERICK WILLIAM, b. Aug. 14, 1851.
12. JOHN TYLER<sup>5</sup> HASSAM, (*John,<sup>5</sup> Jonathan,<sup>4</sup> William,<sup>3</sup> Jonathan,<sup>2</sup> William<sup>1</sup>*) b. in Boston, Sept. 20, 1841; lawyer;

*John T. Hassam*  
1896.

graduated at Harvard College 1863; first Lieut. Seventy-fifth U. S. C. I., 1863-4; admitted to the Suffolk bar 1867; member of the Mass. Historical Society, N.-E. Historic Genealogical Society, American Historical Association and other historical societies; author of many historical, genealogical and antiquarian papers. He m. in Salem, Feb. 14, 1878, Nelly Alden Batchelder, dau. of Dr. John Henry Batchelder of Salem. Child:—

- i. ELEANOR, b. in Boston, March 20, 1879.

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Richard Pearce and Sarah Hassam (probably Sarah<sup>2</sup> Hassam) m. in Manchester, Mass., April 4, 1717.

William Jones and Sarah Hassam (probably widow of William<sup>2</sup> Hassam) m. in Manchester, Mass., Dec. 29, 1720.

Nathaniel Waldron, of Wenham, and Sarah Hassam, of Manchester, Mass. (probably widow of William<sup>1</sup> Hassam), m. in Manchester, Mass., May 14, 1735.

Joseph Picket Jr. and Mary Horsum (probably dau. of John<sup>2</sup> Hassam) m. in Beverly, Mass., June 12, 1738.

\* *N.-E. Hist. and Gen. Register*, x<sup>l</sup>., 132.

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